

REMARKS:

- 1) Referring to item 11) of the Office Action Summary, relating to the proposed drawing correction filed on June 17, 2003, the Examiner had x-marked neither box a) "approved" nor b) "disapproved". In a Telephone Interview on August 29, 2003, the Examiner confirmed that the proposed drawing correction filed on June 17, 2003 has been approved. Accordingly, we are now submitting three new Replacement Sheets of formal drawings incorporating the proposed revisions in Figs. 1 and 2, and the proposed additional Fig. 3. Entry of the new replacement sheets to replace the original drawings is respectfully requested.
- 2) Referring to item 13) of the Office Action Summary, the Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge the foreign priority claim and receipt of the Priority Document, which was filed on April 15, 2003.
- 3) In response to the Restriction Requirement, applicants hereby elect the method claims 21 to 36 for examination in this application. The non-elected claims 18 to 20 directed to a circuit arrangement apparatus have been canceled. The Restriction Requirement is not traversed.

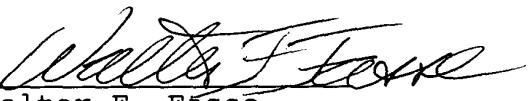
- 4) Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application, including all present claims 21 to 36, are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures: postcard,
3 sheets formal drawings,
Formal Drawing Transmittal letter

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